

### **REMARKS**

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005. Applicant has amended claims 1, 41, 42, 47, 55-57, 60-64 and cancelled claims 40, 58 and 59. Claims 1-39, 41-57 and 60-64 are pending.

### **Amendments**

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 40-43, 47 and 48 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims to place them in condition for immediate allowance. In particular, all independent claims have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter. Such amendments are made without prejudice to the presentation of similar claims in any continuation applications.

Applicant's amendments in no way indicate acquiescence in the Examiner's rejections. In fact, Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejections. Maher, III et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,654,373) fails to disclose numerous features of the Applicant's invention, and thus fails to anticipate the rejected claims. For example, Maher, III et al. fails to disclose executing a VoIP operating system that includes a number of primitive software functions that carry out VoIP packet processing functions.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include all subject matter recited in claim 40. Consequently, claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten claim 41 in independent form to include all subject matter recited in base claim 1. Consequently, claim 41 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten claim 42 to include all subject matter recited in base claim 1. Consequently, claim 42 and the claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten claim 47 to include all subject matter recited in base claim 1. Consequently, claim 47 and the claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 55 to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 40. Consequently, claim 55 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 56 to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 40. Consequently, claim 56 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 57 to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 40. Consequently, claim 57 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 60 to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 40. Consequently, claim 60 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 61 to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 40. Consequently, claim 61 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 62 to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 40. Consequently, claim 62 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 63 to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 40. Applicant submits that claim 63 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 64 to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 40. Applicant submits that claim 64 is in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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